

The news of the dissolution of the British Ministry on the Corn law question, has produced quite a sensation here. Corn is rising in price, and above here, there must be some suffering.

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There have been many lawyers from a distance attending the Supreme Court the present term, remaining however but a few days, and attending the Conventions during the time. My advices from Washington are, that the Subtreasury Bill will pass. Some Bill extending our jurisdiction over Oregon, not conflicting with the Convention of 1818 may also pass.

Only the friends of Calhoun take much interest in the Antitariff movement, and it will probably be postponed, untill late in the Session,—final action doubtful. You see, however, that Mr. Hudson,<sup>9</sup> a prominent member from Mass. writes home that it will be repealed.

Mr. Senator H[aywoo]d came home yesterday, to attend the Supreme Court, as I hear. I have not seen him, or learned his news, of which, he doubtless has much.

I hope our friends will be attentive to bringing out suitable Candidates in the different Counties, and at any early day.

With the Sub-treasury folly before us, I think we can crush Loco focoism in N. C.

*From James Graham.*

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Dear Brother

On this morning at six o'clock a *Duel* was fought near Bladensburg, between Jones (son in law of Tom Deverux) and Dr. Johnston,<sup>10</sup> in which the latter was killed at the first fire, being shot through the Head, and entirely through the head. A Mr.

<sup>9</sup> Charles Hudson (1795-1881), of Massachusetts, a Universalist minister, who served in the lower house of the legislature, 1828-1833, in the state senate, 1833-1839, was a member of the executive council, 1839-1841, and was a member of congress, 1841-1849. He edited the *Daily Atlas*, and served in several capacities in the Federal revenue service.

<sup>10</sup> Beyond a short news notice of the duel, and the names of the principals, Thomas F. Jones and Dr. Daniel Johnson, I have found nothing concerning it. Dr. Johnson, who was killed, was from Perquimans County, N. C.